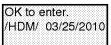
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In	response to the Official Action dated December 17, 200	09 , reconsideration is
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